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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

S. Mark Clardy

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 26 and 27 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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Claims 1-25, and new claims 26 and 27 are pending in this application. Applicants' claims are drawn to a method of controlling flies and ticks (see claims 7-9) by applying a composition comprising a cytochrome P450 monooxygenase inducer, i.e., a triazine herbicide (claim 3) selected from atrazine, propazine, or simazine (claim 4), and an organophosphate (OP) insecticide (claim 2: coumaphos, diazinon, chlorpyrifos, fenthion, or pirimiphos).

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-25 are now rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combined teachings of Lichtenstein¹ et al and Belden et al² (both cited on the IDS).

Lichtenstein et al teach that the herbicides atrazine, simazine, monuron, and 2,4-D were known to enhance the insecticidal activity of several OP insecticides, including diazinon (Fig. 1 and Table 2), for at least three insects: *Drosophila melanogaster*, *Musca domestica*, and *Aedes aegypti* larvae (fruitflies, houseflies, and mosquito larvae).

Belden et al teach that atrazine enhanced the toxicity of OP insecticides, including diazinon, in *Chironomus tentans* (midge) larvae (abstract).

One of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to combine these references because they both disclose the enhancement of OP insecticide activity (specifically for diazinon) by coapplication with the triazine herbicide atrazine.

¹ Lichtenstein et al. "Synergism of Insecticides by Herbicides". *Science*, 181:847-849. 31 Aug 1973.

² Belden et al. "Impact of atrazine on organophosphate insecticide toxicity". *Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry*, 19(9):2266-2274. 2000.

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Thus it would have been *prima facie* obvious to the ordinary artisan at the time the invention was made to have combined a triazine herbicide such as atrazine with an OP insecticide as taught herein because the prior art teaches that such combinations yield synergistically active insecticidal compositions. The prior art teaches that such compositions would be effective for various insect species including flies. It would have been within the skill level of the ordinary artisan to determine appropriate formulation methods and concentrations of the active agents, as well as to recognize the species of insects which would be subject to control by the OP insecticides, and which animal species would be protected thereby.

Claims 26 and 27 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to S. Mark Clardy whose telephone number is 571-272-0611. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sreenivasan Padmanabhan can be reached on 571-272-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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